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1. ON 30 NOVEMBER GUATAMALAN AMBASSADOR TO US, TORIELLO GARRIDO, MADE UNPRECEDENTED ATTACK AGAINST US ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

"THE US WAS CARRYING ON PROPAGANDA INCITING HATRED AND ENMITY AND MIGHT EVEN AF RPT EFFECT A TYPE OF 'INTERVENTION'. HE CHARGED THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE US STATE DEPARTMENT WITH INTERESTS IN THE UNITED FRUIT COMPANY WERE BEHIND THIS PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN."

2. ARA STUDYING POSSIBILITY DECLARING TORIELLO PERSONA NON GRATA.

3. ABOVE INCIDENT HAS CAUSED CONSIDEREABLE STIR AMONG OTHER LATIN AMERICAN UN DELEGATES."

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ACTION: [ ]

SUBJECT: Toriello Charges in UN

1. Reference is made to the recent charges of the Guatemalan representative to the UN that the United Fruit Company and the State Department were preparing to intervene in Guatemala. It is also understood that ARA is considering declaring Toriello persona non grata.

2. It is suggested that, if any reply by Ambassador Lodge is to be made, that it be phrased approximately as follows:

"The United States delegation has noted the assertions by Ambassador Toriello. According to its information, the United States delegation is aware of a certain popular discontent within Guatemala and a certain nervousness on the part of the Guatemalan government, both as to its popularity and its inner stability. The United States delegation can only presume that Ambassador Toriello's charges reflect the familiar scapegoat technique, in which a domestically embarrassed government alleges that natural domestic discontent is fed from abroad. The United States delegation wishes to take this opportunity to extend its friendly and fraternal greetings to the Guatemalan people. On behalf of the US Government, this delegation wishes to assure the Guatemalan people that the provocative gestures of certain Guatemalan government representatives will in no way undermine the friendly accord between the American and Guatemalan peoples."

3. It is recommended that any plans for declaring Ambassador Toriello persona non grata be dropped. There is no need to justify the Ambassador's charge with such serious action. It is also to be borne in mind that Toriello may be aiming at getting expelled, in order to furnish the Guatemalan government a pretext by retaliating with the expulsion of Ambassador Peurifoy.

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Good point

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